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Ms. Wester, Mr. Walts,

Attached with this email, please find the Expert Report of Brian Branfireun, PhD, on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency ("MPCA") Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification for the PolyMet NorthMet Project, along with a folder of Dr. Branfireun's referred materials.

WaterLegacy believes that the impacts of mercury methylation and transport to NorthMet receiving waters and downstream waters, as well as the potential exceedance of water quality standards of downstream States and Tribes, must be evaluated in light of Dr. Branfireun's expert opinion reviewing the MPCA's Section 401 Certification.

Please send a return email to confirm your receipt of this expert report and materials.

Thank you, Paula

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